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Student teachers in Illinois must videotape themselves and their students to pass the edTPA, an assessment required for their teaching license. Video is uploaded and sent to Pearson, Inc. for evaluation by third-party contractors

- Student teachers are pressured to record hours of footage so they can select two short segments that cannot be edited.
- Images of children can easily be viewed by unauthorized people. Recording devices can be lost or stolen. Video is often uploaded to cloud-based platforms and the internet. **The process lacks a secure chain of custody needed to keep images safe.**
- Images and the privacy of thousands of children, including elementary and special education students, are vulnerable to multiple cybersecurity threats--including facial recognition software and location tracking--on the video submitted to Pearson, as well as the hours of video filmed but not submitted.
- Pearson recently experienced a massive data privacy breach affecting more than 13,000 US schools and universities. This breach affected the personal information of at least 80K students in dozens of school districts throughout Illinois

It doesn't have to be this way:

- Illinois is one of only 12 states that require the edTPA for licensure. 32 states (including Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri) and the District of Columbia do not. Other evidence-based assessments exist that don't threaten student privacy by requiring videotaping. ISBE must find another evidence-based licensure assessment that doesn't pose this threat

HB256 protects student privacy:

- The bill states that student teachers **may not be required to videotape themselves or their students in order to earn a license.** Teacher education programs may still videotape for in-house teaching purposes. Licensed teachers or administrators may still videotape students in order to gain National Board Certification or for such purposes as training, sporting events, or promotional materials.

HB256 has the support of: Illinois Families for Public Schools (formerly Raise Your Hand Action), the Digital Privacy Alliance, The ARC of Illinois, and the IFT

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